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Filed: February 9, 2004)	
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For: SUPPORT ELEMENT FOR AN)	Confirmation No.: 1291
INTEGRATED BLOOD)	
TREATMENT MODULE,)	
INTEGRATED BLOOD)	
TREATMENT MODULE AND)	
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD)	
TREATMENT APPARATUS)	
EQUIPPED WITH SAID)	
INTEGRATED MODULE)	

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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed in addition to the IDS filed on August 13, 2004 (the "August 13 IDS").

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application.

The August 13 IDS cited document EP 0 877 100, which is not in English. A copy of an Australian Patent No. 744404, corresponding to European Patent No. 0 877 100, is listed on the Form PTO 1449 and attached to this Supplemental IDS.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the document as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

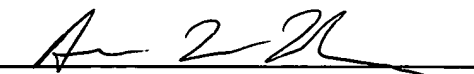
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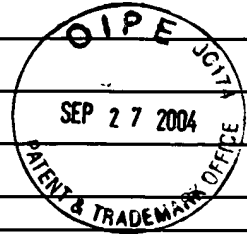
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